

Upgrades & Repairs to the Gustavus Fire Hall

Purpose and Need:

The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall houses the fire apparatus and ambulance that serve the City of Gustavus. The structure is heated by fuel oil via forced air furnace. The current fuel oil tank is a 500 gallon single walled tank sitting on a crib. The tank is showing signs of aging with significant rust on much of the tank exterior. This system is out of compliance with state regulations for fuel storage standards.

The response vehicles are stored in 3 vehicle bays that are served by three different garage doors. All doors are operated manually with the use of a chain pulley system. One door is in working order. A second door needs to be replaced (City owns a replacement door, but it needs to be installed). This door is inadequately insulated and does not have a working chain pulley system. The chain pulley system on the third door does not function and needs to be replaced. It allows the door to be opened, but not close.

Request:

The City of Gustavus is asking the Alaska State Legislature for assistance in providing funds necessary to purchase a replacement fuel oil tank. The new tank will need an appropriate base/support structure and be installed for use. The tank needs to be of similar size and be in compliance with DEC standards (double walled).

In addition, the City requests funds to affect the necessary repairs for the garage bay doors and upgrade the chain pulley system to include automatic garage door openers. The automatic openers would increase response efficiency, safety, and reduce possible vehicle and door damage.

Business Plan:

The City of Gustavus will solicit bids for the upgrades/repairs. Once the improvements have been completed, the City will be responsible for maintaining these systems.

Budget:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Fuel oil tank	500 gallon	\$10,000
Tank support	Structure/pad	\$ 2,500
Garage door openers	openers X 3	\$ 5,000
Installation/repairs	Tank/Door/Openers	\$ 5,000
TOTAL		\$22,500

Removal and Replacement Siding on the Gustavus Fire Hall

Purpose and need

The City of Gustavus has a dedicated group of volunteers who both man the fire trucks during fire emergencies and perform Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the ill or injured within the Community. Presently the fire hall is well equipped and somewhat adequate to perform its necessary functions but the building is in dire need of siding replacement. The Fire Hall is an old wooden structure with several additions to its aging interior. Portions of the hall still have the moisture barrier showing after the last work to the exterior.

In late 2005, the Strategic Planning Committee finalized the document which would be the basis of future goals established by the City Council. With the Strategic Plan as a guide, the city council has worked continually to identify funding sources to rectify the lack of infrastructure and to perform the necessary maintenance and repairs to the old structures which must continue to serve until structure replacement is possible.

The City Council determined while developing this CIP request that the Fire Hall should be upgraded by the replacement of the old 'Board n Batten' siding with a more modern style and one that would hold up year after year. The Concrete siding that has been selected will need to be painted but it will serve the fire hall for many years.

The Gustavus Fire Hall is located on Gustavus' main road near the Salmon River. The building is structurally sound. Most of the building and its additions were built by volunteers and never completely finished. The Fire Hall siding consists of board and batten made from local rough cut wood. The balance is covered only with temporary paper weather shield.

Request

The City of Gustavus is now asking the Alaska State Legislature for assistance in finding funds necessary to remove and replace the Fire Hall siding with new Hardy Board or equivalent low maintenance siding.

This building will continue as the Gustavus Fire Department until such time as a new facility is constructed. At that time it may be converted to a City Shop or some other useful purpose.

This facility will continue to be maintained by the City of Gustavus.

Location

The Fire Hall is located just west of the Salmon River on Gustavus' Main Road. It is presently situated on land owned by the Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) but this land will be conveyed to the City of Gustavus through the Public and Charitable Lands provision of Alaska Statute AS

38.05.810. The City of Gustavus has a Land Use Permit for the land under the Fire Hall, the City Hall and the Gustavus Public Park.

Business Plan

The City of Gustavus will solicit bids from local contractors for replacing the siding and trim on the Fire Hall. Ownership, maintenance and operation of the facility, will be continued by the City of Gustavus. The City of Gustavus will be the responsible owner and will function as the oversight agency throughout the replacement.

Budget

Category	Explanation	Cost Est.
Estimated Materials	Concrete Siding	\$ 23,600
Estimated Freight	Transport cost of siding to Gustavus	\$ 6,600
Removal and disposal of old siding	Labor cost and disposal cost associated with the removal and disposal of the old siding	\$ 4,200
Estimated Labor	Weather proofing the structure	\$ 4,800
Estimated Labor cost to install new siding		\$ 20,000
Grant administration and project management	10% of two combined sub-projects	\$ 8,100
Total Cost of project		\$ 66,700

Contact Person – Fire Chief Mark Berry , Gustavus AK 99826
Phone 907-209-6737